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7                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9                   AT SEATTLE

10                  EDIFECS, INC.,

CASE NO. 18-1086JLR

11                  Plaintiff,

ORDER GRANTING IN PART  
12                  v.  
13                  WELLTOK, INC.,  
14                  Defendant.

AND DENYING IN PART  
STIPULATED MOTION TO  
RE-NOTE PENDING MOTIONS

15                  On November 15, 2019, at 1:45 p.m., Plaintiff Edifecs, Inc. (“Edifecs”) and  
16                  Defendant Welltok, Inc. (“Welltok”) filed a stipulated motion to re-note the following  
17                  pending motions:

- 18                  (i) Welltok’s motion for summary judgment (MSJ (Dkt. # 72));  
19                  (ii) Welltok’s motion to exclude the testimony of Todd D. Menenberg (MTE (Dkt.  
20                  # 45)); and  
21                  (iii) Welltok’s motion to seal (MTS (Dkt. # 47)) (collectively, the “Motions”).

1      | (See Stip. Mot. (Dkt. # 77) at 1.)

2                The Motions are noted for November 22, 2019. (See MSJ at 1; MTE at 1; MTS at

3      1.) Accordingly, Edifecs's responses to the Motions are due on Monday, November 18,  
4      2019. *See Local Civil Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(d)(3).* Edifecs and Welltok ask the  
5      court to re-note the Motions for December 6, 2019, and to allow Edifecs to respond to the  
6      motions on or before November 25, 2019. (See Stip. Mot. at 2.)

7                Deadlines in the court's scheduling order and in the Local Civil Rules are "firm  
8      dates that can be changed only by order of the court, not by agreement of counsel or the  
9      parties. The court will alter these dates only upon good cause shown." (Sched. Order  
10     (Dkt. # 17) at 2); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A) (the court may extend time "for good  
11     cause"). Here, Edifecs and Welltok fail to show good cause to extend the noting date for  
12     the Motions. In fact, the parties' stipulated motion provides no explanation at all for why  
13     a two-week extension is necessary, or why the parties waited until now to seek such an  
14     extension.<sup>1</sup> (See generally Stip. Mot.)

15               Additionally, trial in this case is set for January 27, 2020. (Sched. Order at 1.) A  
16     two-week extension of the noting date for the Motions would leave the court insufficient  
17     time to fully consider and rule on the motions and would leave the parties insufficient  
18     time to prepare for trial in light of the court's orders.

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21      <sup>1</sup> The court notes with disapproval that the parties filed their stipulated motion requesting  
22      an extension of a Monday deadline on the preceding Friday afternoon. *See Local Civil Rules*  
W.D. Wash. LCR 7(j) ("A motion for relief from a deadline should, whenever possible, be filed  
sufficiently in advance of the deadline to allow the court to rule on the motion prior to the  
deadline. Parties should not assume that the motion will be granted and must comply with the  
existing deadline unless the court orders otherwise.").

1        Nevertheless, the court will re-note the Motions to **November 26, 2019**.  
2 Edifecs's responses to the motions are due no later than **November 20, 2019**. Welltok's  
3 replies, if any, are due no later than the new noting date of **November 26, 2019**. The  
4 parties are instructed to refrain from seeking further extensions absent good cause.

5        For the reasons set forth above, the court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part  
6 Edifecs and Welltok's stipulated motion to re-note the Motions (Dkt. # 77). The court  
7 DIRECTS the clerk to re-note the following motions for November 26, 2019:

- 8              (i) Welltok's motion for summary judgment (Dkt. # 72);  
9              (ii) Welltok's motion to exclude the testimony of Todd D. Menenberg (Dkt.  
10              # 45); and  
11              (iii) Welltok's motion to seal (Dkt. # 47).

12        Dated this 18th day of November, 2019.

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15              JAMES L. ROBART  
16              United States District Judge  
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